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Attention Steven O. Douglas

This letter is a petition/request for another claim to my patent.

Several months ago your office sent me a review of my patent claims, abstract, description, and diagrams, application #~~09/886,722~~<sup>09/886,722</sup>. According to your evaluation on page 5 of your "Detailed Action Report" my claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) which stated that I admitted that this patent application originated from his thesis paper entitled "Management Solutions to Reduce Plastics in the Waste Stream."

Before requesting another claim I would like to make an amendment to the above claim statement which was miss-interpreted. I most likely got my idea from my Thesis but when analyzing the paper this patent is very specific and not at all the same premise. The paper suggests reusing plastic bottles in general and no methods for detergents are described. If you are interested in looking over the document I can provide you with a copy.

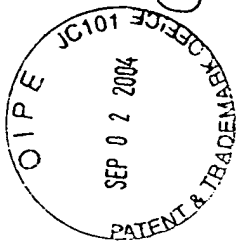
Claim 5 is a request to amend Claims 1-4. This claim(#5) states that a concentration tablet will be used to replace the bulk refillable container. The detergent concentration tablets are designed to fully dissolve in warm water and can be used in an existing PE colored bottle. These tablets are biodegradable, come in packs of ten and are designed to replace the bulky liquid non-degradable detergent bottles. Samples have been produced. More samples are anticipated. Expedite this claim as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Glenn Howland

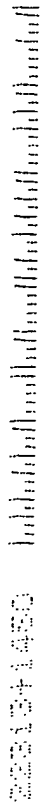
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